

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE INITIATIVES

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities concluded a hearing to examine artificial intelligence initiatives within the Department of Defense, after receiving testimony from Peter T. Highnam, Deputy Director, Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, Michael A. Brown, Director, Defense Innovation Unit, and Lieutenant General John N.T. Shanahan, USAF, Director, Joint Artificial Intelligence Center, Office of the Chief Information Officer, all of the Department of Defense.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Jeffrey Nadaner, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce, Claudia Slacik, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, and Thelma Drake, of Virginia, to be Federal Transit Administrator.

CFPB SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's Semi-Annual Report to Congress, after receiving testimony from Kathy Kraninger, Director, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

BROADBAND INVESTMENTS IN RURAL AMERICA

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, Innovation, and the Internet concluded a hearing to examine the impact of broadband investments in rural America, after receiving testimony from Justin Forde, Midcontinent Communications, West Fargo, North Dakota; Mark A. Jamison, American Enterprise Institute, Washington, D.C.; Denny Law, Golden West Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc., Wall, South Dakota; and Carol Matthey, Matthey Consulting LLC, Bethesda, Maryland.

WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the road ahead for the World Trade Organization, after receiving testimony from Robert E. Lighthizer, United States Trade Representative, Executive Office of the President.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Michael J. Fitzpatrick, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Ecuador, and Ronald Douglas Johnson, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of El Salvador, both of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine recommendations from the President's task force on the United States Postal Service, focusing on a path to sustainability, after receiving testimony from Gary Grippio, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Public Finance; Robert G. Taub, Chairman, Postal Regulatory Commission; David C. Williams, Vice Chairman, Board of Governors, Postal Service; and Margaret Weichert, Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget.

REAUTHORIZING THE HIGHER EDUCATION ACT

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine reauthorizing the Higher Education Act, focusing on simplifying the Free Application for Federal Student Aid and reducing the burden of verification, after receiving testimony from Kristina Scott, Alabama Possible, Birmingham; Michele Scott Taylor, College Now Greater Cleveland, Cleveland, Ohio; Michael P. Meotti, Washington Student Achievement Council, Olympia; and Mark Wiederspan, Iowa College Student Aid Commission, Des Moines.

GAO HIGH RISK LIST OVERSIGHT

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine Indian programs on the Government Accountability Office High Risk List, after receiving testimony from Jessica Farb, Director, Health Care, Government Accountability Office; Tony Dearman, Director, Bureau of Indian Education, and Darryl LaCounte, Acting Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, both of the Department of the Interior; and Rear Admiral Michael D. Weahkee, Principal Deputy Director, Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services.

GDPR AND CCPA

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine GDPR and CCPA, focusing on opt-ins, consumer control, and the impact on competition and innovation, after receiving testimony

from Will DeVries, Google, Mountain View, California; Alastair MacTaggart, Californians for Consumer Privacy, Sacramento; David Hoffman, Intel, Santa Clara, California; Gabriel Weinberg, DuckDuckGo, Inc., Paoli, Pennsylvania; Thomas Lee, Mapbox, Roslyn Layton, American Enterprise Institute, and Michelle Richardson, Center for De-

mocracy and Technology, all of Washington, D.C.; and Jane Bambauer, University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law, Tucson.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 26 public bills, H.R. 6 and 1678–1702; 1 private bill, H.R. 1703; and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 217–219, were introduced. **Pages H2678–80**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H2681–82**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Espaillat to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2649**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:41 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H2654**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Rabbi Claudio J. Kogan, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley School of Medicine, Edinburg, TX. **Page H2654**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Calling for accountability and justice for the assassination of Boris Nemtsov: H. Res. 156, amended, calling for accountability and justice for the assassination of Boris Nemtsov, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 416 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 121; **Pages H2657–60, H2673–74**

Crimea Annexation Non-recognition Act: H.R. 596, amended, to prohibit United States Government recognition of Russia's annexation of Crimea, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 427 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 122; **Pages H2660–62, H2675**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "To prohibit United States Government recognition of the Russian Federation's claim of sovereignty over Crimea, and for other purposes." **Page H2675**

Vladimir Putin Transparency Act: H.R. 1404, amended, to strengthen the United States response to Russian interference by providing transparency on the corruption of Russian President Vladimir Putin; **Pages H2662–64**

Keeping Russian Entrapments Minimal and Limiting Intelligence Networks Act: H.R. 1617, to direct the Director of National Intelligence to submit intelligence assessments of the intentions of the political leadership of the Russian Federation; **Pages H2664–65**

Electronic Message Preservation Act: H.R. 1582, to amend title 44, United States Code, to require preservation of certain electronic records by Federal agencies, to require a certification and reports relating to Presidential records; **Pages H2665–67**

Federal Advisory Committee Act Amendments of 2019: H.R. 1608, to amend the Federal Advisory Committee Act to increase the transparency of Federal advisory committees; and **Pages H2667–71**

Federal Register Modernization Act: H.R. 1654, amended, to amend title 44, United States Code, to modernize the Federal Register, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 426 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 123. **Pages H2671–73, H2675–76**

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency with respect to Iran that was declared on March 15, 1995 is to continue in effect beyond March 15, 2019—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 116–20). **Page H2657**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2673–74, H2675, and H2675–76. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 3:08 p.m.

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TREASURY'S ROLE IN COMBATTING FINANCIAL CRIMES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government held a hearing